

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Doan, Brian et al.
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Docket No.: PU4754USw
Title: PREPARATION OF STEREOISOMERS OF (3ALPHA, 3ALPHA/BETA,
6ALPHA/BETA)HEXAHYDROFURO[2,3- b]FURAN-3-OL

Commissioner of Patents
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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The above identified application is being transmitted herewith for entry in the U.S. National Phase under Chapter II of the PCT. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.